Berlin Seeks a General Peace;

Plans New Offer Through Russia

Proclaims Lloyd George

# Berlin Sought To Stir Up War Of Americas

tween Luxburg and Germany Made Public

Argentina May Now Declare War

Irigoyen Favored Secret Agreement With Chile and Bolivia Against U.S.

# Baker Agrees to Xmas Furloughs Found U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.- New York National Guardsmen at Camp Wads-Devens will be permitted to spend Christmas at their homes if their comnding officers do not object, the War Department announced to-day.

The following general order has been sent by Adjutant General McCain to

Secretary of War directs that the number of men to be granted Christ-More Telegrams Be- mas leaves will be left to the discretion of the commanding officer, particular care being taken not to permit such number of men to go on leave as will further congest traffic on the railroads, in view of the present con

> Secretary Baker said to-day his original order was modified because com manding officers had advised the department that Christmas leaves had been promised many of their commands.

### 38 Killed, 39 Hurt Germans Back As Trains Collide Company Making Near Louisville Explosive for U.S.

# Fast Express Telescopes Invaluable Chemical Wast-Wooden Cars of Accom-

eight persons were killed and about WASHINGTON, Dec. 20 .- An invesformer Ger- thirty-nine others injured to-night tigation of the quality of the triniagainst the United accommodation train just south of the Reports of government explosive ex-

modation at Station

First reports, apparently authentic, that almost absolute purity is essenhad placed the number of known dead tial if the ammunition with which at sixty-seven, and the number of in- American troops are being supplied in jured between forty and fifty, but this to be wholly effective was reduced when an official check-up

tatement, pending an investigation of tion

fast train came in sight, running at a are among the stockholders, high rate of speed, and plunged into the rear end of the train ahead. The possential results in the rear end of the train ahead.

four others were taken to private homes in Shepherdsville, Superinten-dent Sheridan reported, but he said he had been unable to learn the exact

None of the passengers aboard the fast train were killed and none of them received more than minor in-juries. Another locomotive and train nent crew were sent here from Louisville, gov-and after detaching one baggage car ying the New Orleans train went on as soon

ed to Berlin seized a lantern and rushed to the

From Front, Accuses Generals Here

Crozier and Sharpe

Officers in France Share His Opinion, Says Congressman

| Staff Correspondence |

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.-In a carefully dictated interview to-day Representative Clarence B. Miller, of Minesota, who has just returned from France, tore to shreds the oft-repeated

in France lack guns, clothing and, in

from their bureaus and from the War

### Wants to Right Mistakes

"It is the duty of all to push for-ward and support officials charged with the conduct of the war," he said. "But if it appears that a man is grossly inefficient or a department is improp-

important departments.

"It is not so much how many men we have overseas as how efficient they are. Many of those there are not equipped and not yet trained. There are many engineer and forestry regiments which are not fighting units.

"The American troops in France virtually are without 3-inch guns, a prime essential of either defensive or offensive operations. By this I mean to say they are without American guns. We have been able to buy a few guns from France, but the supply is not sufficient.

# Iliodor Victor Army Abroad Over Cossacks Ill Equipped And Bolsheviki

the Truth: News - Editorials - Advertisements

Representative Miller, Back Mad Monk, Singing "Save, Lord, Thy People," Wins Battle

> Petrograd say that an extraordinary state of affairs exists at Tsaritsyn, in he province of Samara, where neither the Maximalists nor the Cossacks have gained the mastery, both being beaten by the forces of Heliodorus, Abbot of Tsaritsyn, and known as "Iliodor, the Mad Monk," who advanced against them singing "Save, Lord, Thy People."

Orenburg Cossacks, commanded by General Dutoff, are advancing against route being dispersed.

Hiodor attained fame in the United States when "The Metropolitan" engaged him early in 1915 to write about the secrets of the Russian court. The first of these articles was already in press when it was withdrawn, accordof the Czar's representatives here. His story was subsequently published throughout the country.

According to press reports, Russia has rangement of peace on the basis of ne been informed by the Central Powers annexations and no indemnities, but that they intend to make peace pro- pointed out that self-definition of The representatives of the Central

Germany Must Disgorge,

This report is published in "The Evenwhich says the representatives of the were ready to discuss peace prelim Samara, the Maximalist garrisons en Central Powers, at the first preliminary inaries, but desired to know the result held yesterday, announced that their to join in the negotiations before pro governments intended on principle to ceeding with them. They said this put the question of peace before all point of view might be changed, how powers, and that they had asked ever, and that they might be willing to their allies to do likewise. Russia was discuss peace with Russia alone. The requested to take similar steps. It is Germans were of the opinion that the stated the Russians are endeavoring by Russian armistice might influence the all means to sound the Allies.

"The Evening Post" says the Germans have officially informed the Bol- merely to a discussion of who would Britain's war aims in the House of actor. He acted his character in Her- shevik headquarters that the Central participate in the negotiations,

PETROGRAD, Dec. 19 (delayed) .- Powers are ready to consider the ar-

Pay Damages and Repent,

("Vetchernoye Vremya"), Powers informed the Russians they other fronts.

The first conference was devoted

Conference to Decide Fate of the Teuton Colonies, Premier **Tells Commons** 

### Will Not Return Palestine to Turk

### Allies in Man Power and Reserves Double Their Enemies, Asserts Minister

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- Outlining Great

the field. Even to-day, he said, Allied man power and reserves are more than of the German workman had decreased one-third through lack of good food, he

He said that the margin of losses at sea was narrowing. The sinkings by submarines was decreasing, while shipbuilding was increasing.

### Sinking of U-Boats Is Increasing

The Premier said the sinking of submarines was increasing. Although the merchant tonnage was down by 20 per cent, the loss had been only 6 per cent of imports over that of last year. The losses in shipping had been lighter hundreds of thousands of tons than he had anticipated in his August esti-

The next few months, he said, would be most trying ones, as one great power had gone out and another had not fully come in. Regarding the military situation, it

was idle to pretend that the hopes formed had been realized. This disappointment he attributed to the Russian collapse. The Germans, the Premier said, had had only one success which was due to

had only one success which was due to surprise, and this was now engaging inquiry. The Germans, he stated, had lost 100,000 prisoners, valuable positions and hundreds of guns.

The Premier said that if the Russian army had fulfilled the expectations of its generals, by this time the pride of the German military power would have been completely humbled.

After referring to the Italian reverses, the Premier said it would be necessary for Great Britain to make greater sacrifices to strengthen its armies in the coming year. The need would arise to increase the nation's man power by taking some men now exempted.

Will Confer With

## Trades Unions

# Wilson May Take Over Steel Mills, Railroads and Coal

Radical Action by Administration Expected Soon; Transportation Problem Affecting Output of Steel; President Wants McAdoo to Direct Railways

The second of the control of the con By C. W. Gilbert

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Radical action is expected from the Administration in the immediate future which may distract attention from the disclosures of the Senate investigating committees and will be calculated to recall.

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Only One Peace Plan,
Trotzky Warns Kaiser
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Photograph of Iliodor as a "movie" star on Page 2.

American Property in Germany Taken Over

BERLIN, via London, Dec. 20.—The first of the radical steps which are expected, take over the operation of the radical steps which are expected in the property of confiscate property or to infring on the personal rights of the property bolders.

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manufacture.
These facts are being laid before the

### Germans Plot to Stop "Four-Minute Men" in Drive of Red Cross

Secret Service Investigating

Attempt to Interfere With Membership Campaign Work of pro-German sympathizers

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# FITTING HER OUT WITH A NEW PAIR OF SPECS

# THERE IS NO HALF. WAY STATION BETWEEN VICTORY AND DEFEAT VICTORY IS ESSENTIAL, A LEAGUE OF NATIONS IN WHICH GERMANY WAS REPRESENTED BY A TRIUMPHANT MILITARISM WOULD BE A HOLLOW